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**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02126-TSC**

CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE v. UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/13/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/13/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5687483) filed by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>9</u> Summons DOJ, # <u>10</u> Summons USAG, # <u>11</u> Summons Civil Process Clerk)(Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>2</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lee A. Steven on behalf of CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE (Steven, Lee) (Entered: 09/13/2018)

09/17/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zmd) (Entered: 09/17/2018)
09/18/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>5</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/20/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/20/2018. (Mulvey, Ryan) Modified on 9/25/2018 (jf). (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/24/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/24/2018. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 09/20/2018. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE on 9/24/18 (Mulvey, Ryan) Modified on 9/26/2018 (ztd). (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>5</u> Summons Returned Executed in FOIA as to U.S. Attorney, was entered in error at the request of counsel and refiled with corrected document. (jf) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
10/24/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/24/2018	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>10</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by November 21, 2018. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/24/18. (DJS) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 11/21/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
11/21/2018	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
11/21/2018		MINUTE ORDER: MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues and that contains a proposed schedule and proposed order no later than 1/15/19. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 11/21/8. (DJS) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
11/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/15/2019. (tb) (Entered: 11/26/2018)
01/15/2019	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Nov. 21, 2018 OIG Response)(Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/15/2019	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>All Deadlines</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/17/2019		ORDER granting Unopposed <u>13</u> Motion to Stay; granting <u>13</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Deadlines. This action is hereby STAYED. All pending deadlines are

		hereby extended for a period of time equal to the calendar day duration of the lapse in appropriations. The parties shall file a joint status report within fourteen (14) calendar days after Congress has appropriated funds for the Department of Justice notifying the parties and the Court that the appropriations lapse has ceased and proposing new deadlines for pending matters consistent with this order. The joint status report shall contain a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 1/17/19. (DJS) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
02/07/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>14</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report, along with a proposed order, by April 9, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 2/25/19. (DJS) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
02/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/9/2019. (tb) (Entered: 02/27/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER : Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>15</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file a joint stipulation of dismissal or another joint report and proposed order by before May 9, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 4/12/19. (DJS) (Entered: 04/12/2019)
04/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/9/2019. (tb) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE. (Mulvey, Ryan) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>17</u>	ORDER OF DISMISSAL: Dismissing action with prejudice. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/15/19. (DJS) (Entered: 05/15/2019)